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SUBJECT: DIRECT ELECTIONS BILL CLEARS FIRST HURDLE
EASILY

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1. THE GOVERNMENT'S DIRECT ELECTIONS BILL RECEIVED
THE OVERWHELMING ENDORSEMENT OF COMMONS JULY 7 WHEN
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SECOND READING WAS APPROVED BY 394 VOTES TO 147, A MA-
JORITY OF 247 (REFTEL).

2. AS ANTICIPATED, THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY (PLP)
WAS FAIRLY EVENLY DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE, WITH 126 VOTING
AGAINST DIRECT ELECTIONS AND 124 VOTING FOR. SIX
CABINET MINISTERS -- FOOT, BENN, SHORE, BOOTH, SILKIN

AND ORME -- JOINED THE BILL'S OPPONENTS, ALONG WITH 26 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. FOURTEEN CONSERVATIVES AND SEVEN OTHER MPS, INCLUDING ENOCH POWELL, ALSO OPPOSED THE SECOND READING.

3. EARLIER IN THE DAY THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC CROSS-PARTY ALLIANCE OPPOSING PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION (PR) WAS ANNOUNCED. FOLLOWING THE SECOND READING VOTE, THIS ALLIANCE TABLED AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD STRIKE PR FROM THE BILL.
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